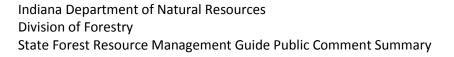
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

Martin State Forest Compartment 3 Tract 3 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 9/10/16 Comments Received: 2

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning this draft Resource Management Guide (DRMG). The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

## **Summary of Comments Division of Forestry Response** Habitats, communities and species are considered as part Concern on impacts to soil and water resources and effective of the management planning process. Field observations implementation and monitoring of BMPs. Suggests riparian areas be along with, Natural heritage data has been reviewed to buffered or avoided during management activities check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife Concern of potential impact to Indiana and Northern long eared bat and species on or near the management unit. other RTE species that may be present. Recommends detailed environmental inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be conducted/included Further information on direct and indirect impacts on in DMG. species and habitats are found in the Indiana State Forest Concern of potential impact to interior species, Indiana and Northern long Environmental Assessment. eared bat and other RTE species. Recommends detailed environmental http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/foinventory of birds, wildlife and plants be conducted/included in DRMG. StateForests EA.pdf Concern on impacts to soil and water resources and effective Implementation of the RMG will utilize guidance from the implementation and monitoring of BMPs. Suggests riparian areas be US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take avoided or buffered during harvests impacts to the Indiana bat and other Listed bat species. Concern RMG does not address impacts on climate change and carbon Best management practices will be implemented and sequestration. Suggests DoF put in place evaluation standards to consider monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation the cumulative impacts of all state and federal forest management projects concerns. BMPs will be required of operator and included across the state on climate change. in timber sales contracts. DoF will respond to reported BMP Contends the removal of Ash through the prescribed sanitation harvest will departures. BMP guidance can be found at: not slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer. Suggests harvest of Ash may http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/foreduce ash genetic diversity important to long term survival of the species. 2005 Forestry BMP Field Guide.pdf Opposes the harvest prescription within the RMG due to potential impacts Indiana State Forests contain approximately 1.15 billion to habitat and ecological services. board feet of timber. Managed harvest levels on State Forests are set at a level to insure long term



sustainability. These levels are periodically reviewed as new inventory data is collected. See
<a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-state">http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-state</a>
State Forest CFI Report 2010 2014.pdf

- Invasive species presence and control needs are incorporated in the management guide. The species noted are widespread in the County
- While the prescription will remove many infected Ash trees it will not slow the spread of EAB which is widespread throughout Indiana.
   http://www.in.gov/dnr/entomolo/5349.htm
   Recruiting ash regeneration is an expected and desired outcome of the prescribed treatment. The prescription will not and is unable to remove all Ash trees.
- Assessing climate change and carbon sequestration is beyond the scope of tract level RMGs.
- The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles, promotes habitat diversity and supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.